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SUBJECT: TAKEOVER OF HILTON HOTEL IN ACAPULCO

REF: TELCON KING/RYERSON 10/29/73; MEXICO 4141, 6/9/73.

1. AFTER REFTEL HILTON MATTER HAD BEEN QUIESCENT WHILE ATTORNEYS PREPARED CASE. MEANTIME CANADIAN HOTEL OFFICIALS HAVE CONSOLIDATED THEIR POSITION BY NEWS RELEASES REGARDING NEW FACILITIES, NEW PERSONNEL NAMED TO ADMINISTER, ETC.
2. ON OCTOBER 5 TWO PAGE SPREAD IN LEADING MEXICO CITY PAPERS MADE FIRST PUBLIC ATTACK ON LIC. MIGUEL ALEMAN CITING IN DETAIL MAJOR FACTS OF THE CASE AND MAKING STRONGEST PUBLIC DECLARATIONS IN MODERN TIMES AGAINST A RENOWNED MEXICAN PUBLIC FIGURE.
3. ON OCTOBER 12 ALEMAN COUNTERATTACKED BY QUOTING THE RESOLUTION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF MEXICO ABSOLVING ALEMAN OF ANY QUOTE OFFICIAL RESPONSIBILITY UNQUOTE AND RETURNING THE CASE TO THE COURTS IN THE STATE OF GUERRERO.
4. CONTACT WITH PRINCIPAL LAWYER, ADOLFO AGUILAR Y QUEVEDO INDICATES THAT IN RETURNING CASE TO GUERRERO THE CHANCES OF A
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JUST AND FAVORABLE DECISION FOR HILTON INTERESTS IS NIL

BECAUSE OF ALEMAN'S HEAVY INFLUENCE IN THAT STATE. HOWEVER HE WILL CONTINUE TO BATTLE, FILING A CIVIL CASE IN MEXICO CITY COURTS AND POSSIBLY GUERRERO. HE DOES FEEL THAT ANY ACTIVITY FROM NOW ON WILL PROVIDE LITTLE MORE THAN NUISANCE VALUE TO ALEMAN BECAUSE OF LATTER'S ALMOST IMPREGNABLE POSITION.

5. LIC. AGUILAR HAS JUST RETURNED FROM A WEEK'S CONSULTATION IN NEW YORK DURING WHICH ALL DETAILS WERE GONE OVER WITH HILTON OFFICIALS.

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